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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Seiji MOCHIZUKI, et al.

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For: INK BAG AND RECORDING APPARATUS INCORPORATING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2003, please amend the above
identified application as follows.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please find a clean version of an amended claim as follows:

28. (Amended) A recording apparatus, comprising:
- a flexible ink bag for storing ink consumed by the recording apparatus therein, on which a non-contact type memory IC is provided, the ink bag being deformable in accordance with the consumption of ink and detachably provided in the recording apparatus; and
- a data communicator, which opposes the memory IC and performs non-contact data communication therewith; wherein:
- the bag body includes a first part having a first flexibility and a second part having a second flexibility which is lower than the first flexibility; and
- the memory IC is provided in the first part of the bag body.